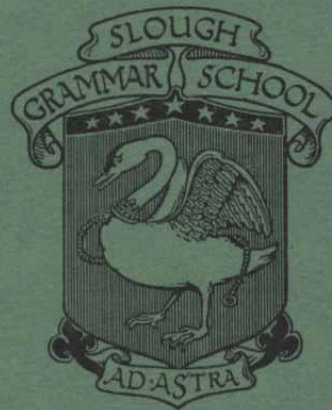


# THE SWAN



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our own twelve boys who have gone to Troyes in exchange are spending a particularly enjoyable and profitable time and we wish to thank the school authorities and their hosts for the warm reception and great kindness which they are extending to them.

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During the coming summer holiday the school is to have its first internal re-decoration since it was built in 1936.

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Dates of forthcoming events:-

23rd July.—Summer Term ends.

6th September.—Autumn Term begins.

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The fund for the Memorial Sports Pavilion to be erected in honour of the Old Boys who lost their lives during the war now stands at £973.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of The Windsorian, The Strodian and The High School Magazine.



# IN MEMORIAM DAVID KEITH CHISHOLM

b. 1.1.32 d. 18.5.48

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the parents and brother of David Keith Chisholm who died, after less than three weeks' illness, on 18th May 1948, at the age of 16.

David was an intelligent and truly lovable boy. He was transferred to this school from the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, in September 1944. He made thoroughly satisfactory progress and was due to take the School Certificate examination at the end of the present term, with excellent prospects of success.

He was a lad of sterling character, of a very happy disposition and was liked by all with whom he came in contact. He was a keen and highly efficient Boy Scout.

## HAIL—

B. Ackrell, A. Antill, R. Arnold, F. Ashworth, B. Baldwin, B. Barnett, F. Bird, W. Burnage, W. Bradshaw, G. Butler, J. Clarke, W. Clarke, R. Clarke, D. Cleveland, D. Clilverd, B. Clinch, E. Cook, D. Cooper, P. Cooper, J. Coulthurst, S. Cutts, G. Dale, W. Dandridge, J. Ditchfield, J. Dixon, M. Doyle, E. Duncan, R. Earley, J. Ebbage, D. Ewen, D. Fraenkel, J. Gale, R. Gale, B. Garner, G. Gittens, G. Glanville, E. Godley, A. Goodman, M. Green, A. Grimley, M. Hall, J. Hancock, B. Hannay, J. Harman, M. Hellings, J. Hines, A. Horder, G. Hunt, N. Isaacs,

A. Jackson, D. Jones, C. Hopkins, G. Lake, D. Ludley, D. Marriner, W. Morgan, D. Noble, D. Pearce, D. Pomfret, A. Rackstraw, M. Redford, J. Robinson, D. Roylance, R. Saul, C. Shepherdson, E. Simpson, C. Smethurst, D. Smith, P. Smith, D. Standerwick, G. Stroud, G. Taylor, N. Walton, C. Weatherhead, D. Wiles, J. Wills, J. Wilson, P. Wingrove, G. Woodley, R. Wyles, P. Youds.

D. Asher, J. Ashley, B. Booty, P. Dunage, W. Fox, B. Gay, D. Hawkes, B. Lilley, A. McMichael, P. Morris, R. Morris, B. Nickless, M. Passmore, B. Pearson, A. Soar, P. Tandy, V. Stoneman, T. Young.

## & FAREWELL

A. Akers, Industrial Chemistry; D. Anderson, Scientific Laboratory; G. Barber, Left District; C. Bateman, Post Office Engineering; A. Beals, Canada; P. Bennet, Slough Technical School; N. Binfield, Laboratory Assistant, Eton College; D. Botting, Metallurgical Laboratory; D. Brench, Radio Research; R. Brewer, Building; D. Bryant, Local Government; D. Butler, Lithographic Artist; S. Callaway, Merchant Navy; M. Cavalier, Left District; D. Carne, Isle of Wight; F. Collins, British Columbia; T. Coomes, Army; D. Cowlshaw, Journalism; J. Coulson, R.A.F.; M. Crowther, Army; W. Culling, University; S. Cutts, Germany (temporary); R. Dare, Civil Service; A. Draycott, Clerical; G. Duncan, Draughtsman; G. Evans, Draughtsman; B. Farr, Metallurgical Laboratory; D. Floyd, Railway; J. Folkard, Transferred; L. Goodchild, Scientific Laboratory; K. Gostick, Biological Field Station; J. Grant, Radio Research; J. Green, Left District; J. Gregory, Printing; D. Griffin, Merchant Navy; R. Griffiths, Ferndale Grammar School; J. Haisman, Electrical Engineering; R. Harding, Surveyor; C. Harper, Clerical; R. Harris, Railway, Clerical; K. Hemmings, Industrial Laboratory; J. Heslop, Biological Field Station; J. Hill, Clerical; J. Hunt, Biological Research; I. Jones, Bank; S. W. Jones, Scientific Laboratory; P. Jones, America; J. Jones, America; S. L. Jones, America; H. Knox, Building; I. Laker, Motor Engineering; B. Lane, Industrial Chemistry; D. Lane, Industrial Chemistry; P. Lawes, Left District; D. Lewis, Clerical; E. Linzey, Industrial Chemistry; D. Lock, Clerical; J. McDougall, Surveyor; J. Merry, Engineering; A. Miller, Draughtsman; D. Morgan, University; H. Morgan, Post Office Engineering; W. Morgan, Tool Engineering; P. Morten, Scientific Laboratory; D. North, Chartered Accountancy; P. Nottley, Polytechnic College; D. Parsons, Railway; W. Pascoe, Factory Maintenance; C. Pearce, Electrical Engineering; D. Pearce, Bank; D. Pentelow, Radio Research; W. Pentelow, Aldenham School; J. Pickering, Amersham; V. Price, Army; J. Prime, Bakery Trade; G. Pursey, Royal Navy; P. Raymond, Aeronautical Engineering; N. Rees, Aeronautical Research; N. Reynolds, Birmingham; H. Salmon, Army; R. Sargood, Surveyor; M. Shave, Draughtsman; M. Slater, Bank; D. Smith, Railway, Clerical; G. Stanton, Industrial Chemistry; D. Taylor, King's School, Canterbury; R. Taylor, Engineering; J. Tebbitt, Electrical Engineering; C. Thompson, Local Government, Clerical; K. Topham, Left District; R. Turvey, Draughtsman; J. Webb, Engineering; P. Welch, Surveyor; J. Weller, Left District; A. Wheatley, Aeronautical Engineering; G. White, Draughtsman; F. Wicks, Aldenham School; T. Winchester, Left District; A. Wittchell, University; E. Yallop, Engineering.

## SPEECH DAY 1947

The Annual Speech Day and Prizegiving was held on 9th December 1947, under the Chairmanship of Alderman E. Aubrey Ward. Most of the Governors were present and apologies had been made to the Chairman by those who were unavoidably absent. Mr. Ben Levy, M.P. for Eton and Slough, addressed the boys in a witty speech in which he urged them to enjoy their school days. If they did this they would have even more enjoyable times after leaving. They should acquire the apparatus of learning while at school in order to obtain the greatest benefit from their studies there. Mr. Levy's wife, Miss Constance Cummings, the well-known actress, presented the prizes.

In his report, the Headmaster referred to the scholastic and athletic successes of the past year. The Cadet Company, though somewhat smaller in numbers, had had marked success in the examinations for Certificate A and had taken part in the annual camp at Dover in August.

School visits to theatres and films had been undertaken. Close links had been made by correspondence with boys in France and Belgium and the annual visit to the Lake District had been most successful. The Travel Week had been an educational innovation which had been of great value to all the boys. The Old Boys' Association had been very lively and successful during the past season in both athletic and social activities.

The School Choir, directed by Mr. Harries, sang unison and two-part songs and a quartet composed of D. Bowers, G. Brecknell, G. Holmes, and J. Lewis sang two-part songs.

## AWARDS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY 1947

*Form IIc.*—Franklin, R. (Prize); Elwell, W., Parker, A. (Certificates).  
*Form IIb.*—Johnson, R. (Prize); Slater, J., Bell J. (Certificates).  
*Form IIa.*—Martin, M. (Prize); Climer, B., Davey, R. (Certificates).  
*Form IIIc.*—Clarke, J. (Prize); Read, J., Crannigan, V. (Certificates).  
*Form IIIb.*—Warwick, B. (Prize); Plowman, G., Ratcliffe, N. (Certificates).  
*Form IIIa.*—Killip, J. (Prize); Bowers, D., Wells, D. (Certificates).  
*Form IVc.*—Jenner, R. (Prize); Bedwell, A., Hill, D. (Certificates).  
*Form IVb.*—Harris, R. (Prize); Ambrose, C., Amos, V. (Certificates).  
*Form IVa.*—Wotherspoon, H. (Prize); Elsing, R., Loring, W. (Certificates).  
*Form Low. Vc.*—Kitchener, J. (Prize); Pearce, I., Woodman, W. (Certificates).  
*Form Low. Vb.*—Serjent, J., (Prize); Mayor, G., Ford, J. (Certificates).  
*Form Low. Va.*—Keeping, J. (Prize); Field, B., Brecknell, D. (Certificates).

## UPPER FIFTH FORMS

*Oxford School Certificates, with Matriculation Exemption.*

*Prizes.*—Carr, A., Davis, J., Griffin, D.

*Certificates.*—Admans, D., Anderson, D., Barnard, J., Botting, D., Brewer, R., Draycott, A., Gostick, K., Grant, W., Hill, E., Jones, I., Lewis, D., Welch, P., Collins, F., Miles, R., North, D., Pearce, C., Pentelow, D., Brench, D., Lane, D.

*Pass Certificates.*—Hemmings, K., Jones, S., McDougall, J., Thompson, C., Akers, A., Dare, R., Eastwell, W., Goodchild, L., Gregory, J., Hill, J., Laker, I., Stanton, G., Lane, B., Mabbott, A., Morten, P., Pearce, D., Taylor, K., Taylor, R., Wordham, M., Anderson, D., Callaway, S., Cowlishaw, D., Haisman, P., Harris, R., Masters, M., Sargood, R., Turvey, R.

*Oxford Higher School Certificates.*

*Prizes.*—Crowther, M., (presented by Sir Henry Marten, K.C.V.O., Provost of Eton); Pearce, E., (presented by The Headmaster). The above two candidates qualified for exemption from London Inter. B.Sc.; White, G. (presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.) gained Distinction in Biology.

*Certificates.*—Coomes, T., Ford, M., Heslop, J., Hunt, J., Ohlson, R., Salmon, H., Slater, M.

*Open Scholarship to University College, Oxford.*

Morgan, D., (Prize presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.)

## SPECIAL PRIZES

*Music,* (The Miss P. J. Smith Memorial Prize): Bowers, D.

*The "Ford" Cup,* (for outstanding Voluntary Service to the School): Crowther, M.

*The "Scott" Prize,* (Geographical Essay): Culling, W.

*The "Kemsley" Prizes,* (Essays on Empire subjects): Tutt, W., Thorniley, J., Budd, D., Ball, K., Davis, J., Carr, A., Salmon, H., Culling, W.

*Swimming Championship Challenge Cup,* (Presented by Alderman A. E. Ward): Pearce, E.

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*Successes in the School Certificate Examination in December 1947.*

A. Mabbott took one subject and gained Matriculation exemption with his School Certificate.

D. Bryant gained a School Certificate with Matriculation exemption.

B. Farr and M. Wordham gained School Certificates.

## THE LIBRARY

This year has been a very successful one for the School Library. All Forms except the Upper Fifts are now able to join and it is hoped to include even these next term. The membership stands at two hundred and fifty and the number of books exceeds one thousand.

We have been very fortunate in securing about two hundred new books, but this gain has unfortunately been offset by the loss of a considerable number of unreturned books: the librarians would be grateful if these were returned, and for any additional books which might be of interest to other members.

We are very grateful to Mr. Cave for a set of books by Jack London, to B. Field for the many books he has given from time to time and also to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Jones, R. Oliver, D. Salmon, A. Backhurst, D. Bowers, E. Dyer, T. Giles and R. Fitt for books donated in the past year.

D. JEWELL, LIBRARIAN.



## NATIONAL SAVINGS GROUP

During the financial year ending March 31st the total collected through the School group was £1,687 2s. 9d. The present membership is 211. There has been a falling off during recent months, particularly in the senior forms.

The National Savings Central Organisation is aiming at a big increase in the numbers of savers during the current year. As our membership is less than half the school population, we have ample room for improvement in this direction.

## RED TO GREEN

This has been a year of marked progress for the School Company of the First Battalion Buckinghamshire Cadets. Several stalwarts were lost to the Company among those who left school last year but the keenness, energy and general efficiency of those remaining has more than made up for the losses. This is borne out by the high proportion of successes in the Certificate A Examinations, Parts One and Two. It is also indicated by the fact that, at the time of writing, the N.C.O. strength of the Company includes one Company Sergeant Major, one Company Quarter Master Sergeant, one Sergeant, five Corporals and five Lance Corporals, all capable and worthy of their rank.

This time last year eighteen members of the Company were looking forward to Summer Camp at Dover. This camp, staffed by 180 Regular Army personnel, proved to be excellently organised and it was pleasant to sit in the sun on the high Dover cliffs, watching demonstrations by units of the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Signals and the Brigade of Guards, and to be able to glance beyond these across the Channel to where the coast of France was visible through the haze of a hot August morning.

This year 30 cadets are looking forward to a week in Roman Way Camp at Colchester. The climax of the week at Dover was the inspection by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Lord Cottesloe, and there is every possibility that at Colchester we shall be visited by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field Marshall Lord Montgomery of Alamein.

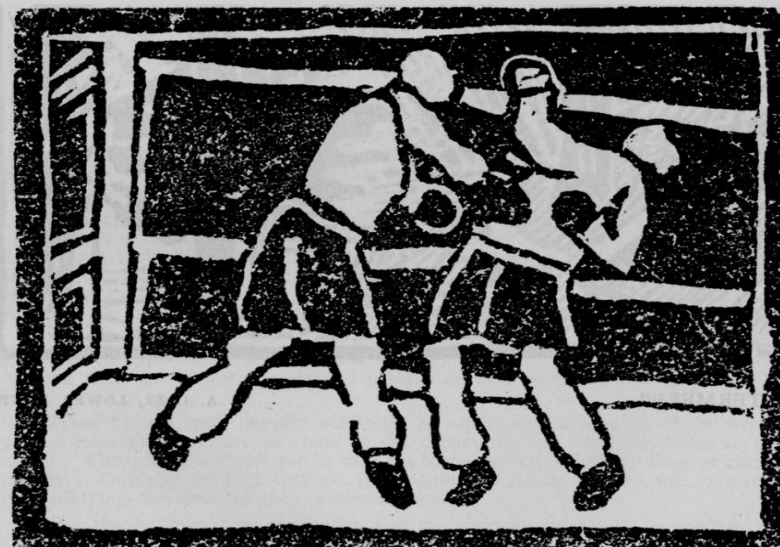
The enterprise of Corporal M. Saul has provided the Company Cricket Team with an interesting set of fixtures, and it is hoped to continue this innovation. We note also the Company's successes in the Battalion Sports. In the Under Fifteen Class, Cadet G. Bateman won the 100 Yards, Recruit Cadet S. Holness the 220 Yards and the Mile, and they joined forces with Recruit Cadets S. Holness and D. Neal to end the day with a handsome victory in the 440 Yards Relay. Recruit Cadet Holness received a pen-knife for the best performance of the day in this class. In the Over-fifteen Class, Corporal A. Mabbott and Sergeant A. Webster gained second place in the High Jump and third place in the Mile respectively.

Sergeant Webster, Corporals Saul, J. Duckett, J. Padley-Smith and Cadet D. A. Neal represented the Company in a contingent of cadets from Buckinghamshire on the historic occasion of the conferring the Freedom of Aylesbury upon the Regiment of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry on Sunday, 11th April 1948. They shared this honour with a contingent of the Regular Regiment and they were afterwards complimented upon their part in the ceremony by Lord Cottesloe.

Finally, we can announce that it is to the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry that our Battalion is now affiliated. This will clear up many questions about dress and will result in some changes of insignia. N.C.O.'s badges of rank, for instance, will change from red on black to green on black and soon the whole Company will be wearing the green beret and horn.



WELLS



"BOXERS"

## TRAVEL WEEK, 1947

*"Travel, in the younger sort, is a part of education"*—Lord Bacon.

It has always been a part of our school activities to do some travelling outside the walls of the school and see the life of the workaday world. On various occasions visits have been organised by various members of the staff to places of particular interest to the subjects they teach. Such visits, however, often meant a disorganisation of the usual routine of the school and many adjustments of the timetable and the work of the rest of the school so that these visits might be made.

Last summer we thought it might be a useful experiment and a valuable saving of time to give a whole week to visits. The examination forms were omitted from the scheme for they had their own important and concentrated tasks to perform. The rest of the school—about 400 boys in all—were the "guinea-pigs."

The boys and their parents co-operated magnificently with the staff. As a result the Travel Week was embarked upon and carried out successfully. Everybody had something to do and most of the visits made were favourably observed by the masters and boys who took part in them.

We cannot here detail all the journeys that were made. It would also occupy much space to record our thanks to all those who made "The Week" possible. Perhaps it is sufficient to say that the staff were delighted to find so keen a spirit of interest and co-operation from the general public—the various industrial concerns, the railway companies, the Mayor of Slough and his Municipal Officers, and many others.

## THE SCHOOL CAMP IN LAKELAND, EASTER 1948

Our visits to the Lake District began in 1945 when a party of eight went to Borrowdale. In 1946 four of us went to Eskdale. In 1947 the first Slough Grammar School Camp was opened with 30 senior boys and staff. We camped in a small school in the settlement of Crosthwaite, a mile outside the market town of Keswick. Here we were "encompassed with wet, dewy mountain and protected from the north winds by Skiddaw." Here we spent our days so pleasantly and encountered so much of the warm kindness of the North that we decided that it must somehow be brought to pass to make a return visit the next year.

The approach of Easter, 1948, found a migrant swarm, in coach, car and train, moving northward again and converging upon Keswick. At seven o'clock on Thursday, March 25th, Mac steered his Windsorian coach and its anticipatory crew alongside the canteen by the Greta Bridge. The camp had started! In the party were forty Seniors, four members of the Staff, some old boys (including pioneer Lakelanders), Mr. and Mrs. Charman and Beryl and "April the Eleventh."

As in the previous year, the main objects of the camp were to afford training in fell-walking, opportunity to understand the way of life of people in a region of great contrast with the Thames Valley and practice in field work for those boys studying Geography.

These objects were happily achieved. In addition, the vagaries of the weather gave a spice of adventure to some of the excursions and certainly added to their rigour. The members of the parties who made the assaults on Sharp Edge or climbed the Great Gable by the high traverse, in conditions of Arctic severity, will long retain the satisfying memories of their achievements.

Our thanks once more are tendered to the generous people of Cumberland (the County Education authorities, friends at Keswick, especially Mr. Slee, Mr. Tom Wilson, Mr. Howarth and Mr. Hayton, and the miners of the coast), the Bucks.



"BUTTERMERE"

A. CARR, LOWER SIXTH

Education Committee and the Head for their encouragement and help, and to Mr. and Mrs. Charman and Mac for services essential to the comfort, convenience and well-being of the party.

### ENTENTE CORDIALE

The exchange of pupils between the Lycée de Garçons, Troyes, and the School has been an interesting and valuable experiment in international relations. We feel that the success of this can best be seen from the following notes and from the remarks of parents and boys on both sides of the Channel.

Term-exchanges have been arranged between the following pairs of boys:

A. P. P. Potonet and J. A. Butterworth; G. C. Badelier and H. D. S. Cory; M. Méline and A. R. G. Hewett; Y. G. LeNoan and D. A. James; J. Haon and C. W. Marler; R. Crance and R. G. W. Miles; P. H. C. Vatinel and R. A. Neale; D. Guillot and K. J. S. Paterson; J. C. E-M. Renouard and R. J. Rothwell; J. A. M. Curin and E. J. Stannard; J. P. Couché and M. B. Stockwell; G. Michaut and P. Tandy.

*What our boys have written:*

"I think there has been a definite improvement of everybody's French in the short time we have been here. My vocabulary is going up by leaps and bounds; I can understand better when they speak fast, and can even get the drift of an ordinary conversation."

"You need not worry about me, because I am eating fish, rabbit, ham and eggs, and drinking tea and wine, and also sleeping very well. I have made friends with several French boys and hope to go to Scouts."

"Troyes is very much older than any part of Slough; the average street is something like Eton High Street, only narrower."

"Everyone here is very good to us. I must say that I am certainly glad I came and I think the others are also."

"I am very happy here and both Madame R—— and Madame C—— look after me as if I were their own son. Well, I am for three months! I hope the French boys all learn a lot and bring back here to France a good impression of England."

"I am getting on fine out here. Sorry my letter is a bit late, but I have been doing a lot lately."

(Just before going to press we received a "combined effort" from all our boys in France. The following are extracts from this letter which we think will sum up the interest and value of this exchange. Editor).

(In Paris).

"We arrived at the Gare du Nord in Paris, and, after leaving our luggage in a cloakroom there, we proceeded on a short tour of the city. The main feature was the trip which ten of us made to the top of the Eiffel Tower. From that elevated spot we could see all the buildings and famous places of Paris—Notre Dame, Sacré Coeur, les Champs-Élysées, la Place de la Concorde and a thousand other places. Having descended by lift, we made our way by bus and Underground to the Gare du Nord, took our luggage and walked to the Gare de l'Est, a few streets away. Our train left the station at half past five. We took second class tickets because padded seats are more comfortable than the bare wood of the third class compartments and they are not so crowded."

(In Troyes).

"Troyes is a fairly old town and most of the streets are cobbled. The oldest street in this old town is the Rue des Chats. It has to be seen to be believed. The eaves of the houses on opposite sides of the road are nearly, if not quite, touching. Also there is a cathedral and some fine churches. On the modern side, Troyes has a very good swimming pool, a sports ground and some extensive ornamental gardens. The transport consists of some buses and a few very small trams."

The school here is considerably larger than ours as there are more pupils, many being boarders. It is much older than the Grammar School and consequently is not so well fitted up inside. There is no main hall as there is no Assembly as at home. There is a large playground, fitted out with goal posts and pitches. The ground is covered with gravel.

We English boys have been divided into small groups and each has been put in a different form. Each day there are six lessons of three quarters of an hour each, with a quarter of an hour break between lessons. There are four lessons in the morning, starting at eight o'clock and finishing at twelve, and two in the afternoon, from two o'clock to four o'clock.

We are all looking forward to returning home after our stay here, but we are enjoying ourselves now. We urge all those who will have the chance to come in future years to take it, for we can tell you that it is definitely worth it, even though it means missing a term's work at school."

*What our English hosts have written:*

"There is no doubt that our young guest's English has made great strides even in so short a time, while his regard for English people and things—countryside, way of life, etc.—has been rescued from the distortions of ignorance and put down upon a reasonable footing."

"The boy Roger is one whom any household would be pleased to welcome, well mannered and well behaved; in fact, we shall be sorry when the time comes for him to leave us. He is happy at school, likes our ways and customs and we feel sure he will take back with him many happy memories of his adventure to Slough."

"We think the boys are very lucky to have had the opportunity of enjoying such an experience and are sure that it will help to broaden their outlook on life."

"My husband starts his holidays on June 12th and with Mr. Clarke's permission we hope to show Michael quite a lot more of England."

"I am pleased to tell you that Daniel is a very nice boy and it is a great pleasure to have him in my home."

"The exchange has provided an opportunity for our boys to enjoy first-hand the experience of travelling abroad and of observing the customs and manners of our French neighbours."

"He is making good friends in France and it is likely that these friendships may bear good fruit in the future."

"I feel sure that the experience will be of great benefit to D—— in both his French studies and in his outlook on life, as I feel very often we English are too insular, and this is not always a good thing."

"In all, it has been quite an experience for both parent and boy, but although there may be some drawbacks, we, my wife and I, feel that the scheme of exchange of pupils is essentially a good thing and will, we are sure, tend to increase the already good relations between the French people and ourselves, and we are happy to have been given the opportunity of helping even if only in a small way."

After one of our visits to London, Guy informed us that he had something on his finger—this something could not be seen, however, on either of his two hands and after some lengthy time it was ascertained that *Finger* should read *Toe*. We made many suggestions as to what it was, without making any examination of the offending member, and finally my wife suggested a *Blistér*. 'Yes, Yes,' said Guy, 'I have a *Mister* on my toe.' He looked very crestfallen when we required to know what kind of a Monsieur that might be."

#### *Impressions of England:*

En débarquant en Angleterre, ma toute première impression fut une sorte de découragement. En France, j'avais étudié l'anglais pendant près de trois ans et le résultat m'apparaissait comme presque négatif. Je ne comprenais rien de tout ce que j'entendais, et j'avais une grande peine à m'exprimer. Je n'avais pas l'accent anglais et ma prononciation était certainement épouvantable, car le moindre mot de ma part devait être répété plusieurs fois.

Voici maintenant plus d'un mois que je suis en Angleterre, et je me familiarise avec la langue de Shakespeare. J'ai fait de gros progrès et je comprends à peu près tout ce que l'on me dit. Je m'explique d'une façon passable. La seule chose que je ne peux pas saisir est le dialogue des films américains qui, à part quelques petites phrases, me semblent incompréhensibles.

Au point de vue alimentaire, l'Angleterre est très différente de la France: les heures et la répartition des repas et aussi leur composition. Chez nous, deux repas principaux par jour: le déjeuner vers midi et le dîner vers sept ou huit heures. Nous avons aussi un petit déjeuner peu copieux le matin avant d'aller en classe, et un goûter facultatif vers quatre heures. La composition de repas diffère de l'Angleterre par le fait qu'en France nous mangeons moins de choses sucrées et plus de viande, de légumes, de pain. La boisson nationale française est le vin, et quelquefois du cidre.

Malgré ces différences alimentaires, nous nous sommes tous très bien habitués à la cuisine anglaise, et, au bout d'un mois, j'ai l'impression d'avoir toujours vécu ici.

Ce qui m'a également frappé en Angleterre, c'est la répartition de la société. En France, nous avons trois classes: la classe aristocratique, nobles ou gros industriel enrichis; la classe bourgeoise, commerçants, professions libérales; la classe ouvrière. En Angleterre presque tout le monde est sur un pied d'égalité. Chacun ici a sa petite villa, sa radio, son jardin, ses fleurs. Alors que le Français est souvent entassé dans des 'buildings' sans air, avec plusieurs familles à chaque étage, l'Anglais a une vie plus saine, plus gaie, plus animée.

Les sports sont pratiqués ici par tout le monde. Ils sont suivis avec intérêt et sont vraiment à la place d'honneur dans les écoles où ils constituent, en France, une matière peu importante.

En Angleterre tout est rationné: vêtements, chaussures, nourriture, mais les rations sont suffisantes, car le marché noir est une chose peu pratiquée. En France, on trouve de tout sans tickets, mais les prix sont peu abordables et ne sont pas à la portée de tout le monde.

Malgré toutes ces différences, l'Angleterre est un bien sympathique pays, habité par des gens charmants, polis, serviables, et le séjour que nous faisons en Grande Bretagne nous sera utile et profitable, car nous gagnons à connaître nos voisins anglais.

J. P. COUCHE.

#### *Journey's End*

We feel that a special note should be made on A. R. G. Hewett's arrival in Troyes. Because of a football accident during the Easter holidays, his departure with the rest of the twelve had to be delayed: yet, undaunted, he cheerfully determined to make the journey alone, with the assurance that he would definitely be met on arrival in Paris by someone who would escort him to Troyes and introduce him to the Méline family. For the rest of the story we beg to quote from Monsieur Gérard (Senior English Master).

"On the Friday afternoon I telephoned to M. Méline at his factory, only to be informed that he was in Paris. I concluded that he intended to go to Paris himself to meet his young protégé. To reassure myself, I also telephoned to Mme. Méline at her home, and, as I could receive no answer, I was sure that she and her husband had both gone to Paris. The next day, Saturday, on arriving at the station, guess my surprise to find both of them on the platform! Poor Hewett had waited in Paris until eleven o'clock and then made his way to Gare de l'Est, just to see his train leave.

"After a few hours of anxious waiting, we were all relieved to welcome him on the evening train. He was all smiles and in perfect fettle. Fancy! the poor boy had come to Troyes all alone!"

#### IMPRESSIONS DE L'ECOLE DE SLOUGH

L'école de Slough, seule, bien à elle, dans la longue étendue verte des gazons entre cependant dans l'ombre du château de Windsor. Elle s'unit non pas à une ruine au passé glorieux mais à une réalité aimée, elle s'ajoute au paysage et le continue. Elle s'intègre à la vie d'Eton et de la résidence royale.

Serait-ce cette présence et cette longue tradition qui donne ce sérieux d'adulte à ces jeunes adolescents? Devant ce spectacle des siècles comprennent-ils peut-être la valeur de leur temps de vie actuel? Le calme de leurs yeux et la tranquille résolution de leur visage dit leur conscience responsable.

Pas de surveillants dans les jeux et aux récréations, le château est là, gardien de la dignité britannique. On court quelquefois dans les corridors, les jeunes préfets comprendront que ces jeunes fous veulent lutter contre le froid des mauvais jours. Il y a des bousculades en attendant le lunch, ce sont les petits, la violence de leur jeune appétit ne connaît pas encore le flegme britannique. Les grands attendent très droits, la fourchette à la main; ce n'est pas la raideur de la garde écossaise, c'en est la dignité!

On se sent dans un nid; la vie religieuse, sportive, studieuse va sans interruption tout au long du jour; les écoliers grandissent confiants, les professeurs, conseillers et amis, sont toujours présents. Ils instruisent, ils éduquent mais ils régissent aussi la maison et remplissent les tâches les plus diverses, comptabilité, direction sportive, infirmerie, banques. L'école est une petite unité dans la ligne de l'unité britannique d'Eton et de Windsor. C'est un cerveau et un cœur elle ne s'attend pas à donner des génies, elle crée à coup sûr des caractères.

LOUIS CAUBET.

#### SCHOOL PREFECTS

1947: M. Crowther, D. Morgan, T. Coomes, W. Culling, P. Raymond, M. Ford, E. Pearce, M. Slater, H. Salmon, R. Ohlson, A. Lucas, G. White, J. Hunt, J. Heslop.



1948: M. Ford, E. Pearce, R. Goodsall, R. Ohlson, A. Lucas, A. Mabbott, D. Anderson, A. Carr, A. Blunden, M. Rowlands, A. Lake, T. Davis, I. McCalla, J. Grant, J. Newsom, R. Miles, W. Eastwell, M. Wordham.

#### HOUSE OFFICIALS

1947 *Gray*: Captain: D. Morgan; Vice Capt.: D. Lane; Secretary: T. Coomes; Committee: A. Benjamin, D. Smith. 1948 *Gray*: Captain: I. Ferguson; Vice Capt.: A. Benjamin; Committee: D. Morgan, A. Culverhouse.

1947 *Hampden*: Captain: J. Gregory; Vice Capt.: D. Anderson; Secretary: H. Salmon; Committee: E. Yallop, H. Morgan. 1948 *Hampden*: Captain: A. Giles; Vice Capt.: D. Anderson; Secretary: J. Barnard; Committee: R. Buckland, G. Wilkinson.

1947 *Herschel*: Captain: W. Culling; Vice Capt.: M. Ford; Secretary: M. Slater; Committee: M. Shave, E. Pearce, M. Rowland. 1948 *Herschel*: Captain: M. Ford; Vice Capt.: A. Lake; Secretary: A. Mabbott; Committee: L. Roberts, E. Pearce, M. Rowland.

1947 *Milton*: Captain: M. Crowther; Vice Capt.: D. Lock; Committee: V. Price, J. Hunt. 1948 *Milton*: Captain: H. Prior; Vice Capt.: D. Jarvis; Secretary: J. Davis; Committee: C. Thompson, R. Cother.

#### GAMES AND ATHLETICS

##### FOOTBALL 1947-48

##### FIRST ELEVEN

In September we had the task of forming a new First Eleven: material was plentiful but most of last year's team had left the School. Some of the best footballers were relatively small and light. Soon, however, following various experiments, the team took shape and settled down to play hard and well.

Results have, of course, their importance; but the strongest impression remaining after a full season, uninterrupted by bad weather, is that of a series of spirited fights and cheerful engagements with opposition frequently bigger in physique and more robust or more astute in tactics, but never more whole-hearted or sporting than our boys. Team spirit was good and individually much cleverness was shown; and, best feature of all, the football was enjoyed. Of the nineteen games played, seven were won and twelve were lost. Goals for 53; goals against 57—a close margin.

Among those who left at Christmas were J. MacDougall, W. Grant, C. Thompson and H. Morgan. J. MacDougall proved an enthusiastic captain. How he could kick a ball! He was a model for all. Imperturbable and hard-working, he led the side splendidly in the Autumn term. W. Grant was neat and nimble, with real football sense: a most dangerous and clever winger. H. Morgan literally



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hurled himself into the fray at all times. Lacking polish, he showed tremendous zest. *C. Thompson* held a regular place as inside-forward, where he played with intelligence and consistency.

The following earned or added to their laurels as the season wore on: *A. Benjamin* in goal revealed a good eye and safe hands; he was confident and competent. Later he was tried at inside-forward, where he was instantly successful, showing thrust and hard shooting. Perhaps his guile was a shade obvious—one could safely assume that he would, in fact, do the opposite of what he ostentatiously signalled as his intention. *A. Culverhouse* took his place in goal and developed very quickly. Some of his saves were outstandingly good: not exactly the silent type—to hear his calls and yelps, one would imagine he was practising for a truly Duckworthian season behind the stumps. *A. Giles*, at full-back, proved a powerful defender—fearless, fast and sure-footed. He kicked cleanly and placed the ball well. He also showed how to block the middle of the field when playing at centre-half. *D. Jarvis* was a thoroughly artistic full-back, showing remarkable anticipation and positioning. He was neat and clean in all he did and was never perturbed by big opponents—or indeed by anything: the compleat sportsman. *M. Rowlands* took over the captaincy and set a captain's example by going all out in every game. Quick to recover when beaten and tireless in his efforts to keep the ball, and his forwards, moving. *R. Buckland* helped him in the half-back line and was a very steady player, distributing the ball well. He might speed up his game to advantage. *D. Rice* made a good wing-half before he settled down as a strong inside-forward, able to work the ball and shoot strongly. *P. Canon* was promoted and, light as he was, he proved as tireless and resourceful as ever. Next year should be his year. *H. Prior* was an honest trier, who, though not born to the part, did well as centre-forward. Not very speedy, he yet contrived to be in the opponents' goal-mouth when the ball was there. *L. Roberts* was an attractive inside-forward—a ball-player with exceptional skill and judgment. Though tending to fade in the second half, he started many good movements and brought out the best in *J. Dowling*, promoted from the Junior Eleven. Dowling showed speed and penetrative power. The left-wing provided a problem. *A. Cooper* was keen, reliable and ever-willing but lacked the extra speed and cunning of a true winger. *G. Wilkinson* was dangerous at times but never learned to use his right foot. *G. Pottow* also 'had a go.' He lacked finesse but put in powerful shots. Colours for the season were awarded as follows: Full Colours: Rowlands, Giles, Jarvis, Rice, Roberts, Buckland, Benjamin. First Half-Colours: Prior, Canon, Dowling.

## SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven had quite a successful season, scoring more goals than they yielded. Owing to the calls of the First Eleven the composition of the team varied, but the opportunity of playing boys whose keenness outstripped their actual football ability was welcomed.

Played 19: won 7: lost 9: drew 3. Goals for 63; goals against 56.

The following played their part: *A. Culverhouse*, *P. Jefferies* and *D. Rees* in goal—the first two passing to the First Eleven; *I. Pearce*, *D. Mattimoe*, *R. Ashley*, *H. Hoxley*, *K. Ball*, *M. Limmer*, *W. Woodman*, *D. Allen*, *G. Burdett*, *R. Fidler*, *E. Garner*, *A. Mabbott*, *A. Massey*, *P. Bailey*, *R. Cother* and *P. Canon*.

## JUNIOR ELEVEN

(in Slough and District Schools' League, Senior Section.)

This season was not quite so successful as last in so much as we had to yield first place and the Cup to Cippenham. Nevertheless it was a very enjoyable one; the team developed a fine spirit and the standard of play, throughout a very full

programme of matches, was high. In friendly games we were moderately successful: won 3, lost 3. In the Senior League we played 9 games, winning 6 with 2 drawn and 1 lost. Goals for 41; goals against 6.

The captain, J. Dowling, merits special congratulation for his consistently high standard of play at centre-half: in defence and attack he set a splendid example. M. Woolhouse has developed well and he and C. Belcher at full-back were staunch defenders. M. Foster and D. Mattimoe played well at half-back, dropping out at times to give H. Wotherspoon and I. Hannay a chance. There were many good forwards to choose from. I. Rockett held his place in the centre. V. Gilham was a most promising and hard-working inside-right, with D. Perkins always dangerous on the wing. P. Lowen, R. Angus and R. Hancock competed for the remaining places and showed dash and many clever touches. B. Ochiltree was dependable in goal, where D. A. Neal and J. Sellars also did their share. Other reserves who helped most effectively were B. Lucas, T. Woods, G. Smith, R. Elvidge and M. Groombridge.

#### INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE ELEVEN (Under 12½)

The 'Lions' emulated last year's Senior Eleven, retaining their Section Cup and keeping an unbeaten record. Games played 10, won 9, drawn 1. Goals for 74; against 3.

We drew with Iver, the runners-up, but beat them in a final friendly game.

The team's success was due to team work: half-backs combined with forwards, who worked as a line. Beautiful attacking movements lacked, as so often, the finishing touch—the forwards shot badly. The defence was rarely tested but was reliable. J. Bench was safe and a mighty kicker, H. Taylor at centre-half was a fearless tackler, and D. Ludley at left-back an excellent dribbler, though inclined to hold the ball too long. D. Wiles tackled well. G. Dale was a good captain and inspired the team in attack. He was the highest scorer, followed by J. Unsworth. B. Poole and Unsworth, fed with long low passes, centred regularly and well. R. Gale is a fast centre-forward, needing to improve his shooting. B. Ackrell fitted in neatly. P. Turner was very sound in goal.

A very encouraging side and may the lesson of their success as a team, rather than as individuals, be noted by all boys.

#### SLOUGH & DISTRICT SCHOOLS' ELEVEN

An interesting feature of the season was the part played by our boys (under 14½) in the successful District Eleven. Dowling, Woolhouse, Mattimoe and Rockett played regularly and Foster, Groombridge and G. Smith also played. The team survived four rounds of the English Schools' Shield Competition.

#### HOUSE FOOTBALL

Results are given in the table below. A mild winter ensured a full programme and the House games proved interesting and helpful in revealing any latent talent.

#### ANNUAL SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

About 150 boys took part in a spirited competition. Senior medals were won by Buckland's team with Culverhouse, Hancock, Hoxley, Rowell and Miles who beat Giles' team in the final. Junior winners were Woods' team with Rolls, Morey, W. Jones, Everett, and Hayes who beat Young's team.

The season was rounded off with the Annual Football Tea, attractively served by Mrs. Charman to all the teams, with traditional fun and games to follow.

#### HOUSE FOOTBALL

	Autumn 1947		Spring 1948	
	Points	Position	Points	Position
<i>Seniors</i>				
Gray .....	3	3	5	1
Hampden .....	5	1	0	4
Herschel .....	4	2	5	1
Milton .....	0	4	2	2
<i>Lower Fifths</i>				
Gray .....	2	3	4	1
Hampden .....	3	2	4	1
Herschell .....	2	3	2	3
Milton .....	5	1	2	3
<i>Fourths</i>				
Gray .....	2	3	5	1
Hampden .....	0	4	3	3
Herschel .....	6	1	0	4
Milton .....	4	2	5	1
<i>Thirds</i>				
Gray .....	6	1	4	2
Hampden .....	0	4	1	2
Herschel .....	3	2	5	1
Milton .....	3	2	2	3
<i>Seconds</i>				
Gray .....	5	1	5	1
Hampden .....	2	3	3	2
Herschel .....	5	1	3	2
Milton .....	0	4	1	4

#### Final Positions

1. Gray, 41 pts. 2. Herschel, 35 pts. 3. Milton, 24 pts. 4. Hampden, 21 pts.

#### CRICKET 1948

##### FIRST ELEVEN

*Team.*—H. Prior (Captain), I. Ferguson (Vice Captain), L. Roberts, A. Benjamin, R. Buckland, R. Ohlson, D. Morgan, P. Jeffries, A. Culverhouse, A. Hossack, M. Ball.

## RESULTS

- v. Strode's School Egham. Won: Egham 59 (Morgan 4 for 16), School 75 (Buckland 22).
- v. Maidenhead County School. Lost: School 75 (Roberts 38), Maidenhead 117
- v. Slough Technical School. Won: Technical 53 (Jeffries 4 for 12), School 60 for 3 (Morgan 20 n.o., Roberts 19 n.o.).
- v. Royal Grammar School, Wycombe. Draw: School 129 for 4 dec. (Benjamin 54, Price 32 n.o.), Wycombe 107 for 6.
- v. Slough Cricket Club. Draw: School 94 for 5 dec. (Prior 33 n.o., Roberts 20, Buckland 18), Slough C.C. 28 for 2.
- v. Marlow — Cancelled because of rain.
- v. Windsor County School. Lost: School 35, W.C.S. 64.
- v. Slough Technical School. Won: School 28 for 3, S.T.S. 27.
- v. Wycombe Technical School. Won: School 67, W.T.S. 35.
- v. Marlow, Borlase School. Won: School 59, Marlow 44.
- v. Egham, Strode's School. Lost: School 37, Strode's 38 for 4.

## SECOND ELEVEN

*Team.*—D. Jarvis (Captain), R. Cother (Vice Captain), R. Fidler, P. Seal, P. Canon, D. Allen, V. Amos, H. Hoxley, I. Pearce, D. Anderson, J. Dowling, also R. Ashley.

## RESULTS

- v. Strode's School, Egham. Lost: School 59, Egham 90 (Cother 4 for 33).
- v. Maidenhead County School. Won: Maidenhead 45, School 46 for 7 wks. (Cother 4 for 8).
- v. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. Lost: School 71, Wycombe 126 (Jarvis 4 for 10).
- v. Licensed Victuallers' School, Slough. Won: L.V. 35, (Jarvis 5 for 24, Canon 3 for 11), School 70.
- v. Windsor County School. Lost: School 57, Windsor 68 (Jarvis 3 for 12, Cother 2 for 2).
- v. Windsor County School. Won: School 70, W.C.S. 35.
- v. Slough Technical School. Won: School 72, S.T.S. 13.
- v. Licensed Victuallers' School. Won: School 46, L.V.S. 23.
- v. Wycombe Technical School. Won: School 34, W.T.S. 30.
- v. Wycombe Grammar School. Lost: School 62, W.G.S. 65 for 7.
- v. Marlow, Borlase School. Won: School 32 for 4, Marlow 26.
- v. Egham, Strode's School. Won: School 28 for 1, Strode's 25 (Canon 7 for 3).

## JUNIOR ELEVEN

Junior Elevens aged under 15 and over 14½ have been put in the field and many boys have been tried, with a view to sorting the variety of talent available amongst the younger boys. Some bright games have already resulted. We have beaten Egham, Maidenhead and Licensed Victuallers' Schools, and lost to a Farnham Royal XI. J. Dowling and J. Wotherspoon have shared the captaincy whilst the following have represented the school so far: D. Perkins, B. Lucas, H. Sole, V. Gilham, R. Johnson, P. Lowen, B. Plowman, T. Groome, H. Hillier, M. Foster, D. Neal, D. Thorniley, R. Rockett, A. Davies, R. Gale, I. Hannay.

## SWIMMING SPORTS 1947

The Annual Swimming Sports were held on July 17, 1947, and were, as usual, an occasion of exciting finishes. Although some of the races were not as fast as in previous years, one of the Class II records were broken, and the number of plates brought up was also a record.

E. Pearce was the Individual Champion with a total of 9 points (maximum possible was 15); these he gained by winning the 200 yds. (free style), and 100 yds. (free style), being 2nd in the One Length (free style) and 3rd in the One Length (back stroke). The runner-up, with 6 points, was W. Gutteridge (last year's Class II champion), who won the One Length (free style) and Best Three Dives. R. Thomas was Class II champion with 6 points (max. 9), while B. Poole gained most points in Class III.

An exceptional, fine display in the Class II Diving was given by R. Thomas and J. Knight. Each had to do an extra dive before the judges gave Thomas as the victor.

A new event, introduced in response to many requests, was the Plunge, won by Ford with a distance of 38 ft. 2 ins.

Since all twelve plates were retrieved by the winner both last year and the year before, the number available was this year increased to fourteen. B. Field almost caused anxiety by the time he stayed below to gather all but one; the event was also interesting in that two Class III boys, V. Gilham and B. Poole, had qualified for the final.

## DETAILED RESULTS

*Classes.*—Open: all ages; II: 12½-14 on March 31, 1947; III: Under 12½ on March 31, 1947.

200 Yards (*Free Style*), *Open.*—1. E. Pearce; 2. A. Lucas; 3. D. Porterfield.

100 Yards (*Free Style*), *Open.*—1. E. Pearce; 2. A. Lucas; 3. P. Haisman.

One Length (*Breast Stroke*), *Open.*—1. M. Ford; 2. L. Roberts; 3. E. Dyer and A. Lucas. Time: 26 1/5 sec.

One Length (*Free Style*), *Open.*—1. W. Gutteridge; 2. E. Pearce; 3. A. Lucas. Time: 23½ sec.

One Length (*Back Stroke*), *Open.*—1. E. Dyer; 2. M. Ford; 3. E. Pearce. Time: 27 4/5 sec.

Best Three Dives, *Open.*—1. W. Gutteridge; 2. D. Pearce; 3. G. Mayor.

Best of Three Plunges, *Open.*—1. M. Ford; 2. B. Field; 3. W. Gutteridge. Distance: 38 ft. 2 ins.



*Knock-out "Horse-back" Tournament.*—B. Field and E. Dyer.

*Inter-House Relay (4 x 1 length, Free Style).*—Herschell. Time: 1 min. 45 4/5 sec.

*Diving for Plates.*—1. B. Field (13 - Record); 2. J. Knight; 3. M. Ford.

*Two Lengths (First, Breast Stroke, Second, Back Stroke), Class II.*—1. J. Knight; Time: 1 min. 11 4/5 sec.

*One Length (Free Style), Class II.*—1. R. Thomas; 2. J. Knight; 3. H. Vandeeper; Time: 23 1/5 sec. (Record).

*Best Three Dives, Class II.*—1. R. Thomas; 2. J. Knight.

*One Length (Free Style), Class III.*—1. H. Grimewood; 2. B. Poole; 3. R. Morey; Time: 35 2/5 sec.

*One Length (Breast Stroke), Class III.*—1. B. Poole; 2. J. Fleetwood; 3. R. Morey; Time: 35 2/5 sec.

*Best Two Dives, Class III.*—1. V. Gillham; 2. E. Burge; 3. R. Morey.

### BUCKS. A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1947

(Held at Wolverton, 3rd June 1947)

We were represented by R. Cother, J. Dowling, R. Filder, P. Haisman, R. Harris, A. Lake, J. MacDougall, H. Morgan, P. Raymond, M. Rees, P. Welch and W. Woodman at this meeting. In competition with older and more experienced athletes, our boys did well and gained very valuable experience. Ferguson gained a Standards medal in the Half Mile and we lost the Shuttle Relay by only one yard to Wolverton Technical School.

H. Jones and P. Rolls, Old Paludians, also took part. Rolls was Junior Champion in the 220 yards, 3rd in the 100 yards and Jones was 4th in the Javelin.

### BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS' A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1947

(Held at the Slough Centre Stadium, 28th June 1947)

We were represented by D. Anderson, D. Bester, E. Dunster, A. Elderfield, I. Ferguson, P. Haisman, A. Mabbott, J. MacDougall and P. Smith at this meeting.

MacDougall was 2nd in the Long Jump (Distance 17 ft. 2 ins.).

Dunster (15 ft. 2 in.) and Bester (14 ft. 6 in.) were 1st and 2nd in the Long Jump (Boys).

Haisman (1st) and Ferguson (2nd) both beat Record and Standard in the 880 Yards: Haisman's time was 2 min. 13 sec. which was 5.8 sec. better than the Record.

Haisman (1st with 32 ft. 11½ in.), Smith (3rd) and Anderson (4th) did well in the Putting the Weight.

Bester was fourth man in the Relay (Boys) in which Slough was first. In the Kemsley Relay, Anderson as first man and MacDougall as second both ran well.

Haisman and Dunster were chosen to go to Hull to represent the County in the All-England Inter-County Athletic Championships Meeting.

### BUCKS. A.A.A. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1948

(Held at Aylesbury, 29th May 1948)

This meeting took place in heavy rain but many excellent results were obtained. R.A.F., Halton, proved the winners. The School gained five points—all in the Discus, obtained by M. Ford and D. Anderson. All the members of the team got near achievement. Anderson was a good third in the 100 Yards heat and I. Ferguson and A. Lake achieved Standards in the 880 Yards—the fastest race of the day. R. Cother and Anderson ran very well in the 880 Yards Relay.

### SLOUGH & DISTRICT SCHOOLS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION

(ATHLETIC SECTION) MEETING 1948

(Held at the Slough Centre Stadium, 2nd June 1948)

We were placed well in the results at this meeting. Our positions were as follows:

*Under 11 Years:* 2nd Place—a very creditable result since we had only 17 boys to choose from.

*11 to 13 Years:* Tie for 1st Place with Tonman Mosley Schools.

*13 to 15 Years:* Cippenham were first; we were third.

*15 to 17 Years:* The Technical School were first; we were second.

Detailed results are as follows:

*Under 11 Years.*—150 Yards, D. Jones, 4th; Relay, 3rd.

*11 to 13 Years.*—High Jump, J. Wilson, 3rd; Long Jump, I. Jones, 2nd; 80 Yards, J. Bench, 3rd., R. Gale, 4th; 150 Yards, I. Jones, 2nd; Relay, 1st.

*13 to 15 Years.*—Long Jump, D. Bester, 2nd; E. Dunster, 3rd; 100 Yards, Bester, 1st., T. Groome, 2nd; 220 Yards, B. Lucas, 3rd; 440 Yards, M. Kreeger, 4th; 880 Yards, R. Davey, 4th.

*15 to 17 Years.*—100 Yards, R. Shelley, 2nd., J. Padley-Smith, 4th; 220 Yards, D. Anderson, 1st; 440 Yards, I. Ferguson, 3rd., A. Elderfield, 4th; 880 Yards, Ferguson, 1st., P. Bailey, 4th.

All our entrants gave good performances under difficult conditions.

### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The keenness of the juniors has been marked this year and the Junior Team won two decisive victories against High Wycombe Technical Institute and one against High Wycombe Royal Grammar School. Our four teams in the Slough and District Schools' Championship for Boys (under fifteen) were much under the age limit but next season we hope to do well.

It is difficult to single out individuals from those who turned out regularly in all weathers during the Autumn and Spring term: they all deserve praise. However, for consistently good performances in training runs and School fixtures, we may note J. Panthony, M. Taylor, C. Belcher, M. Wheatley, P. Reader, W. Birnage, S. Holness, R. Davy, and R. Antill while J. Slater did not miss one training run. Efforts are being made to arrange more fixtures next season and we look forward to seeing new faces among the old on all our runs.

The Senior Team lost many players and few new runners emerged from the Middle School to fill the gaps. With this in mind, we can see that the strenuous efforts of the stalwarts were well rewarded: two defeats by High Wycombe Royal Grammar School were offset by a decisive victory gained from High Wycombe Technical Institute. It was no mean achievement to gain third place in the Bucks. County A.A.A. Championship in January at Slough. High Wycombe Royal Grammar School, the winners, and the School were the only schools to enter. A. Lake, A. Webster, A. Elderfield and I. Ferguson gained places for the School and received bronze medals; R. Cother, who showed keen interest in the team throughout the season, P. Bailey, L. Rowell and H. Delve, the remainder of the team, all obtained creditable positions.

### SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS STANDARD TIMES, HEIGHTS AND DISTANCES 1948

	Class I	Class II	Class III
220 Yards .....	27sec.	29sec.	30sec.
880 Yards .....	2min. 25sec.	—	—
High Jump .....	4ft. 8in.	4ft. 3in.	3ft. 9in.
Long Jump .....	17ft. 6in.	14ft. 9in.	13ft.
Javelin .....	115ft.	—	—
Shot .....	40ft.	34ft.	30ft.
Discus .....	85ft.	65ft.	—
Hop, Step and Jump .....	—	—	27ft.

(A competitor who reaches the above standards in any event scores a point for his House towards the Championship.)

### RECORDS

#### Class I.

100 Yards.—P. J. Rolls (1946), 11sec.  
220 Yards.—F. B. Jackson (1943), 24.2sec.  
880 Yards.—F. Biggs (1942), 2min. 12sec.  
High Jump.—J. H. V. Gecks (1937), 5ft. 6in.  
Long Jump.—P. Ford (1944), 20ft. 10in.  
Javelin.—P. Ford (1943), 138ft. 2in.  
Shot.—P. Ford (1943), 50ft. 10in.  
Discus.—W. H. Dyer (1940), 107ft. 7½in.  
One Mile.—I. Ferguson (1948), 4min. 58.6sec.

#### Class II

100 Yards.—T. W. S. Groome (1948), 11.6sec.  
220 Yards.—P. J. Rolls (1944), 26.4sec.  
High Jump.—D. S. Palmer (1940), 4ft. 7½in.  
Long Jump.—P. Ford (1939), 16ft. 5½in.  
Shot.—D. F. W. Bridges (1944), 42ft. 4in.  
Discus.—D. F. W. Bridges (1944), 82ft.

### Class III

100 Yards.—B. J. Lucas (1948), 11.9sec.  
220 Yards.—B. J. Lucas (1948), 29.1sec.  
High Jump.—B. J. Lucas (1948), 4ft. 4in.  
Long Jump.—B. J. Lucas (1948), 15ft. 8½in.  
Shot.—I. Jones (1947), 38ft. 9in.  
Hop, Step and Jump.—D. Werrell (1942), 28ft. 8in.

### SPORTS 1948

The weather for the sports was fine and clear, although the sun was obscured by cloud. A shower of rain the previous day had put the track in good condition. For the first time the races were run on the far side of the field and this venture met with great success. The whole affair went off without a hitch, and the afternoon was livened by the cheers and counter-cheers of the members of Gray and Herschel as first one and then the other House took the lead on the scoreboard. The final position of the Houses was:

1. Herschel 80½ points; 2. Gray 75½ points; 3. Hampden 57 points; 4. Milton 49 points.

In Class III a magnificent show was put up by B. Lucas (Gray), aged 12, who gained the Steil Cup, awarded for the highest number of points gained for a House, with 20 points. The runner-up was I. Jones with 11 points. Lucas entered for the 100 Yards, 220 Yards, High Jump and Long Jump. In each of these events he was winner, gained standard and broke the existing record.

In Class II, fighting for the Smith Cup, the result was far closer. M. Kreeger, who won the Shot, the Long Jump and came in second in the 100 Yards, beat T. Groome who won the 100 Yards and the 220 Yards by two points. Kreeger gained 12 points for Milton and Groome gained 10 points for Gray (Groome broke the 100 Yards record by 3/5 sec.).

In Class I the Individual Championship was won by D. Anderson (Hampden) with 18 points, M. Ford (Herschel) being second with 9 points. Anderson won the 100 Yards, 220 Yards, Shot and Discus and he came 3rd in the Long Jump.

Mrs. Aubrey Ward, wife of the Chairman of the Governors, presented the prizes and certificates.

D. JEWELL.

### DETAILED RESULTS

House Championship (Headmaster's Cup).—1. Herschel, 80½ points; 2. Gray, 75½ points; 3. Hampden, 57 points; 4. Milton, 49 points.

Individual Championship (Johnson Cup).—1. D. Anderson (Ha.), 18 points; 2. M. Ford (He.), 9 points; 3. D. Bester (Ha.), 8 points; 4. A. Mabbott (He.), 6 points.

Highest Number of Points Gained for House.—Class II (Smith Cup): 1. M. Kreeger (M.), 12 points; 2. T. Groome (G.), 10 points; 3. Equal. D. Reader (He.), and R. Davey (G.), 9 points.

Highest Number of Points Gained for House.—Class III (Steil Cup): 1. B. Lucas (G.), 20 points; 2. I. Jones (He.), 11 points; 3. M. Wheatley (M.), 6 points; 4. D. Ewen (G.), 4 points.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

(Boys whose names are printed in *italic* achieved Standards)

### Class I.

- 100 Yards.—1. D. Anderson (Ha.); 2. D. Bester (Ha.); 3. R. Cother (M.); 4. R. Shelley (He.). Time: 11.4sec.
- 220 Yards.—1. D. Anderson (Ha.); 2. R. Cother (M.); 3. D. Bester (Ha.); 4. W. Eastwell (Ha.). Time: 27.4sec.
- Half-Mile (Robinson Cup).—1. *I. Ferguson* (G.); 2. *A. Lake* (He.); 3. *A. Elderfield* (M.); 4. B. Young (Ha.); Time: 2min. 17sec.
- High Jump.—1. *A. Benjamin* (G.); 2. *A. Mabbott* (He.); 3. G. Mayor (M.); 4. D. Rees (G.). Height: 4ft. 10in.
- Long Jump.—1. R. Shelley (He.); 2. D. Bester (Ha.); 3. D. Anderson (Ha.); 4. E. Dunster (He.). Distance: 16ft. 3in.
- Putting the Shot.—1. D. Anderson (Ha.); 2. M. Ford (He.); 3. B. Field (M.); 4. R. Buckland (Ha.). Distance: 40ft. 9in.
- Throwing the Javelin.—1. M. Ford (He.); 2. A. Mabbott (He.); 3. A. Abbott (He.); 4. J. Padley-Smith (Ha.). Distance: 112ft. 8in.
- Throwing the Discus.—1. D. Anderson (Ha.); 2. *V. Wright* (Ha.); 3. M. Ford (He.); 4. D. Jacques (M.). Distance: 103ft. 3½in.
- Relay.—1. Equal: Gray (R. Fidler, D. Rees, A. Benjamin, I. Ferguson), Herschel (A. Lake, J. Dowling, R. Shelley, A. Mabbott); 3. Hampden; 4. Milton.

### Open Event

- One Mile Handicap.—1. *I. Ferguson* (G.); 2. *A. Lake* (He.); 3. A. Elderfield (M.); 4. S. Holness (He.). Time: 4min. 58.6sec. (Record).

### Class II.

- 100 Yards.—1. T. Groome (G.); 2. M. Kreeger (M.); 3. D. Perkins (G.); 4. J. Armstrong (Ha.). Time: 11.6sec. (Record).
- 220 Yards.—1. T. Groome (G.); 2. M. Kreeger (M.); 3. R. Davey (G.); 4. D. Neal (G.). Time: 28.4sec.
- High Jump.—1. *P. Arnold* (He.); 2. *R. Dovey* (G.); 3. Equal: *R. Peters* (He.); *D. Perkins* (G.). Height: 4ft. 5in.
- Long Jump.—1. M. Kreeger (M.); 2. R. Davey (G.); 3. D. Perkins (G.); 4. J. Knight (Ha.). Distance: 15ft. 8in.
- Putting the Shot.—1. M. Kreeger (M.); 2. *D. Reader* (He.); 3. *D. Walker* (He.); 4. G. Bateman (He.). Distance: 44ft. 10½in.
- Discus.—1. *D. Reader* (He.); 2. *D. Walker* (He.); 3. J. Knight (Ha.); 4. J. Armstrong (Ha.). Distance: 73ft. 8in.
- Relay.—1. Gray (D. Perkins, D. Neal, T. Groome, R. Davey); 2. Herschel; 3. Milton; 4. Hampden.

### Class III.

- 100 Yards (Under 12).—1. B. Ackrell (G.); 2. G. Glanville (Ha.); 3. D. Cooper (G.); 4. D. Jones (G.). Time: 13.9sec.

- 220 Yards (Under 12).—1. B. Ackrell (G.); 2. W. Birnage (Ha.); 3. P. Cleveland (G.); 4. D. Frankell (He.). Time: 34.2sec.
- 100 Yards.—1. B. Lucas (G.); 2. M. Wheatley (M.); 3. J. Gale (M.); 4. I. Jones (He.). Time: 12.2 sec. (Lucas record record in heats: 11.9sec.)
- 220 Yards.—1. *B. Lucas* (G.); 2. M. Wheatley (M.); 3. M. Hall (He.); 4. I. Jones (He.); Time: 29.2sec. (Lucas broke record in heats: 29.1sec.)
- High Jump.—1. *B. Lucas* (G.); 2. *J. Wilson* (G.); 3. *J. Bell* (M.); 4. *D. Ewen* (G.). Height: 4ft. 4in. (Record). R. King (Ha.), C. Wethered (Ha.), E. Simpson (Ha.), also gained Standards in this event.
- Long Jump.—1. *B. Lucas* (G.); 2. I. Jones (He.); 3. D. Ewen (G.); 4. J. Bench (Ha.). Distance: 12ft. 3in. (Lucas broke record at 15ft. 8½in. in heats.)
- Putting the Shot.—1. R. King (Ha.); 2. J. Bench (Ha.); 3. M. Turner (M.); 4. I. Jones (He.). Distance: 34ft. 2½in.
- Hop, Step and Jump.—1. *I. Jones* (He.); 2. *R. Gale* (M.); 3. *E. Simpson* (Ha.); 4. S. Holness (He.). Distance: 27ft. 9in.
- Relay.—1. Gray (B. Lucas, B. Ackrell, A. Harrison, R. Faulkner); 2. Herschel; 3. Hampden; 4. Milton.

## SCHOOL VISITS TO THE THEATRE

### THE SHOEMAKER'S HOLIDAY

During the Autumn term a large party covering the whole of the School visited the Slough Social Centre one day to see a special performance of Decker's pleasant Elizabethan comedy, "The Shoemaker's Holiday."

A recently formed London company attached to the Old Vic and containing several young actors and actresses put on a most creditable performance of this rollicking play. The story is a nonsensical one of a shoemaker who takes a holiday to become Lord Mayor. He leaves a tangle of loves and double identities, but at the end (as in all good tales) everything is sorted out correctly and the true lovers are united.

G. BURDETT, (U.V.C.)

### THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

This play, as produced by the Windsor Repertory Company, was excellent in almost every way. Despite the fact that this company is trained in modern repertory they adapted themselves to the very different style of Shakespeare with complete success. Indeed the acting of Russel Thorndyke as Shylock, the unscrupulous Jewish miser, was above all criticism.

The actors were well chosen to fit the parts, including the rather smaller parts such as Launcelot Gobbo and Nerissa the serving maid, who was well portrayed by Diana Calderwell. The scenery, too, was good, although it did not quite come up to the standard of that of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The costumes worn by the cast were in accordance with the period and country and the colours were suitably chosen for the individual characters.

The cast, as in all of Shakespeare's plays, was large, but many of them were on the stage for only a short time and many of the audience appeared to regret the shortness of the lively appearance of Stanford Holme as a suitor to Portia. However, it can be truthfully said that everyone on the stage, whether a central figure or a member of a crowd, was acting at his or her best.

A. ROBSON, (L.V.B.)



The gold of dawn creeps o'er the emerald hills,  
 And drives the purple night down in the west.  
 The opening flowers the morning air do fill  
 With nature's scent of fragrant loveliness.  
 The flowing streams of sparkling water gay,  
 Which through the sunlit woods and glens do pass,  
 Reflect the golden realms of coming day,  
 Enriching banks of moss and fresh green grass.  
 The tiny creatures greet the rising sun  
 By frisking in the early morning dew.  
 The early birds their waking calls have sung,  
 For all the sleeping world to rise anew.  
 The country folk enjoy the natural peace,  
 While townsfolk see a lovely sunny morn  
 Ascending in the sky from out the East,  
 Displaying all the beauties of the dawn.

LINO-CUT AND POEM BY R. DAY, L.V.A.



J. KILLIP, 4A

"UPTON CHURCH"





## DOVE CRAGS

It had rained all morning and the whole day's programme had been cancelled. Unfortunately for Messrs. Gunn and Marler, this was their last day and to waste the whole of it was more than they could endure. Accordingly, they decided to visit Dove Crag, near Glaramara, and soon a party of seven set out. The service 'bus was used as far as Seatoller and from there we walked up by Comb Gill. The weather had been fairly kind and it resisted the temptation to rain until we reached the Crag.

First we clambered up the rocks and it was not long before the top of the Crag was reached. It was fortunate that the party was reasonably well supplied with torches, for all the candles which had been placed carefully in suitable positions had gone out as the wind was still noticeable inside the caves, while outside it whistled around the rocks and hail came tumbling down; except for little streams which occasionally ran down the Crag walls, the inside was reasonably dry.

We climbed down a different way after Pete Marler had explored various possibilities with the aid of Mick Ford's rope. One by one we dropped down a chimney in the rocks on to a lower ledge and eventually we could see the light shining in from our original entrance. As some time was still at our disposal, Marler, followed by myself, explored a fault which was practically vertical. It gradually narrowed, and got damper and continued to go down. Ford, as is customary, led his own expedition to another area of the Crag but it was regrettably decided that, as time was running out, we would have to return to base.

A. CARR, (L.VI.)

## A VISIT TO STRATFORD-ON-AVON

The highlight of the first Travel Week (July 1947) was the visit of a group of boys from the lower fifth forms to Stratford. The visit was well arranged by the masters responsible and the two coaches duly arrived at the school and, after a detour to Slough station to pick up those waiting there, we started on the long journey northwards.

When we arrived at Stratford, we disembarked, the drivers and coaches disappeared to wherever drivers and coaches do go upon such occasions and we rallied round to hear the instructions of our masters. The church was our first objective and, once we had seen the interior of this pile and the plaques to the Bard, we could do what we pleased until the hour of reassembly at the Memorial Theatre.

It is a pity that the presence in a town of relics of some famous man should attract people to make easy money by extracting entrance fees from visitors and by selling postcards of these relics: this is most definitely the case in Stratford, for every possible excuse seemed to be made for extracting the hard-earned pocket money from our pockets.

At the appointed hour we gathered in the foyer of the Memorial Theatre, ready for the climax of the day, a performance of "The Tragedy of King Richard the Second" by the Stratford Memorial Theatre Company. The tickets were distributed and we were soon in our seats. The actors' performances were well worth witnessing, especially that of John of Gaunt, whose delivery of the speech 'This royal throne of kings . . ' was admirable. Some of us, I think, were somewhat startled when we heard the Queen's deep, vibrating tones after Bushy's lighter voice, but they were very moving. The play was the perfect ending to a perfect day.

D. BRECKNELL, (U.V.A.)

## LAKELAND RAIN

Perhaps the most memorable day was that on which the weather 'broke'. This, in effect, was the turning point of the holiday. On leaving the south, we had arrived in Lakeland accompanied by summer-like skies, which remained with us for nearly a week during which several interesting and informative rambles were made: but this day! Not yet having felt the effect of the fells on our feet or stamina (later to be learnt to our cost), we prepared to walk about 20 miles round the Newlands Valley, taking in Cat-bells, Maiden Moor, Dale Head and Robinson.

Setting out from Keswick, we first climbed Cat-bells by a route providing us with plenty of up-hill work but we received for reward a clear view of Keswick and Derwent Water. Over the top of Skiddaw range there appeared the first specks of cloud we had seen for a week, the promise of things to come. Gaining height by means of the undulating Maiden Moor, we were exposed to a cold northerly wind, out of which we soon gratefully dropped for lunch.

The clouds were now banked up around us, waiting for us to leave our comparative shelter and be their prey on the exposed heights yet to be traversed. On top of Dale Head the rain began. At first in a timid, unobtrusive manner and then with complete disregard for anyone or anything, in a downpour blotting out the neighbouring fells and lakes. As we were, with only our clothes to combat the rain, not even a stone to hide under, we regarded Robinson with awe as snow and rain clouds shrouded its head. With shame we admitted defeat and turned back by Newlands Beck, which by now was considerably swollen. Down this we tramped into the valley, with the gale-force wind tossing us about like leaves, treading in boggy ground up to our knees until we gave up hope of ever having dry feet. Finding our mistake in not having crossed the stream before, we now were confronted with a sheer drop of 20 ft. into a roaring torrent, forcing us to retrace our steps. Reaching the valley floor we passed by an outpost of civilization on those bleak, windswept fells. Here we were offered hot drinks which acted restoringly upon our spirits, enough to finish our long, long journey back to camp like a crowd of drowned rats, still lashed by the rain.

A. LUCAS, (U.VI.)

## BUTTERMERE

Having arrived at Buttermere we walked across the small alluvial plain between the two lakes and then scrambled slowly up the slippery, moss-covered slope by Sour Milk Gill. This swiftly flowing mountain stream obviously owes its name to its appearance from the bottom of the valley. After about one hour of strenuous climbing, we reached the lip of the corrie containing Bleaberry Tarn, a small cirque-lake under the shadow of High Stile and Red Pike. We rested for ten minutes on a broken stone wall by the tarn and ate our lunch. Then we proceeded up a sheep track on our right. By then we were above the snow line but we met with no continuous expanse of snow until we reached a narrow shoulder just beneath the peak of Red Pike. When we reached the summit, we rested on the small cairn and surveyed the magnificent panoramic view of snow capped mountains and narrow glistening lakes. To the south-east we saw Pillar and Steeple rising steeply beyond Ennerdale, with the Scafell range providing a fitting background. Hanging over Grasmoor was a heavy blanket of dark clouds. The wind was blowing steadily in our direction and so we finished our remaining sandwiches and hurried across the

shallow saddle to High Stile, the highest point on our route. By the time we had reached its summit the surrounding landmarks were beginning to darken. From there we hastened to a lower point to the east, High Craggs, and then scrambled down over some scree to a pony track only a few hundred feet above Buttermere. We hurried along this track by the lake, but, when about two miles from the village, we ran into the shower we had expected. We donned our capes and trudged forward through puddles and over small mountain brooks which traversed the track at frequent intervals. The tree plantation which we passed through near the end of our journey sheltered us from the wind which drove the heavy rain into our faces. By the time we reached the bottom of Sour Milk Gill, it had stopped raining and the sky was clearing.

J. NEWSOM, (L.VI.)

## THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST

The whole appeal of Wells, situated halfway between Shepton Mallet and Cheddar, undoubtedly lies in its cathedral. The cathedral, the head church in the bishopric of Bath and Wells, took many years to complete but even to the lay eye those years were well spent; indeed, many authorities, well versed in church architecture, say it rivals Chartres in its beauty. That may be so; the parts that catch the eye are the west front and the massive inverted arches that support the main tower. The west front is beyond description; between the towers at each side is a row of magnificent carvings of kings of England, including the infamous Henry the Eighth, as well as a number of previous bishops of Wells. It does in fact resemble Lichfield's west front, and Ruskin went so far as to say that it 'has no superior, nay, not even in the grandeur of Amiens.' From the tower of the cathedral on a clear day one can see for miles in every direction. To the north and west lie the Mendip hills, to the east the open cider country of western Somerset and to the south the low fenland which separates Wells from Glastonbury and the Polden Hills. Perhaps Wells cathedral is most famous for its clock. At each hour on every day except Sunday, a mechanical representation of the fight of St. George and the Dragon takes place.

Besides the cathedral, the city offers other architectural treasures, some of which are now in a state of ruin and unfortunately they cannot be replaced. These include the Chain Gate, the Vicar's Close and the Bishop's Palace, the only one which I know to have a moat with plenty of fish and two snow-white swans to complete the picture. Other buildings worthy of note are St. Cuthbert's Church and Bishop Bubwith's Almshouses.

Besides being an attraction itself, Wells is a centre for the ancient and even pre-historic phenomena of Wokey Hole, Cheddar Gorge and Caves. Five miles to the south is Glastonbury with its Tor Abbey and its yet undiscovered Holy Grail. You can be sure, too, that the cider and cheese there are excellent.

D. HOSSACK, (U.VI.)

## NORTHWARD JOURNEY

In the summer holidays my friends and I went on a cycling tour to Sheffield and back. We set out on the 19th August in beautiful weather which held throughout the tour, except for a few shady days in the Derbyshire Dales. We travelled at first through the more familiar country of our native Buckinghamshire to the city of Oxford, with the Thames and the large university buildings. In the middle afternoon we found one of the few remaining toll-bridges on the Thames, at Eynsham.

The second day took us across the hilly edge of the Cotswolds into the hedged roads of Warwickshire and the birthplace of Shakespeare—Stratford on Avon, with its fine stone bridge from which can be seen, through the willow trees, the Memorial Theatre.

The next day was uneventful until in the evening when we visited the lovely cathedral of Lichfield with its fine spires and myriad carvings. Inside, the organ was playing and the sounds echoed round the cathedral. On the Saturday we reached Sheffield, our destination, after travelling through the Derbyshire country and the towns of Derby and Chesterfield with its crooked spire.

During our stay we visited Lathhill Dale with its shady banks and Mosal Dale with its fine viaduct featured on railway posters. Also, on Sunday, there was a memorial service taking place in a small dale where, during the Plague of London, a box of cloth had been sent to the local tailor and, inside, were some of the germs and these spread through the village, killing off eighty per cent of the inhabitants. During the terror the priest had moved the church services to the dell so that those free from the disease could be away from the village. Nearby is a well, by which the priest used to leave money for food which was brought there in exchange.

On the return journey we passed the monastery near Newark and the fine ruined cathedral in the city itself. Also we passed the picturesque town of Stamford with its narrow winding streets and shops overhanging the road, and the towns of Grantham and Huntingdon, where the river Ouse runs past a mill now converted into a hotel. We saw the old market town of St. Ives, which has lost its importance of late, and Baldock and Biggleswade with their large squares.

V. WHITBREAD, (L.V.B.)

## IN GERMANY

S. Cutts, Two A., is spending some time in Germany with his father and he has sent us a letter from which we are pleased to quote the following:-

5th May 1948.

"I am enjoying my stay in Germany. There are lots of trees in Dusseldorf. Most of them are horse-chestnuts and they look very nice now that they are in blossom. Everywhere is badly bombed and many Germans live in cellars. Many of the German children have wooden soles strapped to their feet because they have no shoes.

"Neuss, where we are living, is 8km. from Dusseldorf and we get there in a Volkswagen (People's Car). Before the war, there were about 50 churches in Dusseldorf and now there are only two or three that can be used for worship. There are not enough schools, so some children go to school in the morning and others go in the afternoon. The only transport in Dusseldorf is by trams which are made up of three coaches."

## THE GIPSY

It was when I was on holiday in Essex last summer. I was walking along a main road and I suddenly came across a path leading over some rugged moorland and, as I could see a church spire in the distance, I presumed that the path led to my destination and so I took it. I walked along, whistling cheerfully, for about one hundred yards. Then, rounding a small copse, I suddenly saw him. There he stood, his brown sunburnt body glistening in the sunlight. He wore very big bright ear-rings through the lower part of his ears and they swung to and fro as he picked his way towards his brightly coloured caravan, which I could now see. He wore a pair of gaudy pants and he was bare-footed. His muscles rippled under his tanned skin as he picked up a large log for the camp fire. His hair was one mass of black curls. But, although he was a picture of fine health and strength, he was very gentle. He fondled his horses lovingly as only a friend and lover of animals can do. By that time I had reached him and he came over, and after we had made friends, he invited me to stay for a small meal. He told me that he could always trust his horses to return after going for a run by themselves. He smiled and pointed, as though to illustrate this, towards a horse of his that had wandered a considerable distance away. After a few minutes, we heard a shrill whinney and a horse could be seen prancing, bucking, rearing and throwing itself on to the ground, then getting up and repeating its actions again. An inch or so above its flattened ears hovered a cloud.

The gipsy arose from my side with a start, and, seizing a pail of water, set off towards the panic-stricken horse as swiftly as his cumbersome burden would permit. As he neared the horse, he turned and shouted to me for another pail of water. I rushed after him with one and I could see he threw the pail of water over the horse. I passed the other pail of water, but he waved it back. He beat at the cloud above the horse with so much vigour that I thought he was mad. Then he started running and the cloud raced after him. One of the cloud passed by me and I found, much to my dismay, it was a bee. I followed my friend at a safe distance and I perceived that he jumped into a river close by and kept bobbing up and down. The swarm of bees hovered above the surface, but after a while they dispersed. Much to my relief, my friend clambered out with only a few stings. We hurried over to his horse which was now very much quietened. He obtained some cream from his caravan and proceeded to rub it on the horse's stings and then on his own wounds. The horse still trembled with fear, but he soothed it gently and led it back to the caravan. He then wandered over to the stream nearby and, laying himself down, waited very patiently. Suddenly out flashed his hand, and he came over and showed me a slippery fish. I was astonished, but he only winked and then returned for some more. Soon he had enough for a meal for two and I enjoyed a very delicious dinner of fried fish and chipped potatoes. I shall always remember him as an ideal gipsy.

W. SIMMONS, (IIIA)

## THE NARROW PARAPET

"Tell us a tale of the rugged mountains, Jacob," came the request of several people in the Cosy Cabin at the foot of the Pennines. Old Jacob, who had seen his best mountaineering days, gave a nod of his old grey head and settled down in his old chair "to tell the folks a yarn," as he always said.

"This is true, strange as it may seem," began old Jacob. "Two young fellows, who were on holiday here at the time, came to me to ask me to be their guide as they wanted to do a bit of mountaineering before going back to London. Not the type you'd expect to do mountaineering, but a couple of music-hall artists. We started next day by climbing the Easy Slope and then, when I thought they had had enough experience, we ventured up the awe inspiring Giant's Slipway . . ."

"Hi, Jacob, how much further to the top of the Slipway?" came the questioning tones of James Belton, a brilliant hypnotist.

"Oh, about a hundred feet," replied Jacob.

"How far are we up altogether?" asked George Lindly, a comedian.

"About three hundred feet".

"What! It looks like a thousand," exclaimed George.

Climbing up to the top of the Slipway, the three sat down on the rocky ground and tried to distinguish the misty view.

"How much farther do you want to go up?" wheezed Jacob.

"Another hundred," replied Jim confidently.

"I don't think so," said George in an uneasy voice. "I think we ought to get down as soon as possible; it looks as though it is going to rain."

"I don't care what you think," argued Jim. "I am going up another hundred feet, if . . ."

"But Mr. Belton . . .", began Jacob.

"No buts," replied Jim. "I'm going up another hundred: if possible, more."

Jacob, turning his back on his would-be arguer, prepared for the next climb.

Three hundred feet up, in a damp and gloomy atmosphere, three crawling figures clung desperately to the slippery grey surface of the wet mountain-side. With icy rain slashing at their backs, the three unfortunates tried to work their way to a narrow three foot ledge a little way below them, which led to an easy descent. All of a sudden, a deep rumbling sound came in the distance and tons of hurtling rock swept past them, knocking away the three foot ledge to the easier descent.

"We'll have to try the Cakewalk," cried Jacob, his faint shadow just visible in the sinister gloom.

"What's that?" came the unsteady tones of George's voice.

"You'll see," was the grim answer of Jacob.

An hour later, after reaching the ledge and edging along it for about forty yards, they came to a narrow parapet about thirty feet in length across a deep ravine.



D. WELLS, 4A



"I can't cross that," whimpered George.

"You'll have to or else die of exposure," snapped Jacob.

"I won't, I won't!" screamed George hysterically.

"Now, take it easy, George," came the surprisingly steady tones of Jim.

Then, taking a silver propelling pencil from his inside pocket, the hypnotist waved it slowly in front of George's eyes, making muttering noises and gradually sending George to sleep. Then, ordering George to cross the ravine by crawling along the narrow parapet, Jim and Jacob followed him as he crawled slowly but steadily across.

Reaching the other side, they descended the mountain slopes to the distant village below, when only then did Jim snatch George out of the coma.

"Well, folks, there you are," ended Jacob. "But they made one vow before they went—they are not going to do any more mountaineering."

R. ANTILL, (IIIA)

#### FRISBY DYKE ANIMADVERTS ON PEDAGOGY

In proportion as I have advanced along Life's anfractuuous path towards the pike where Death's last toll must be paid, I have perceived an ever-increasing pleasure at the recollection of the petty incidents which constituted my nonage.

The least imperfect of these are of those years spent in the happy culture of my intellectual faculties. Shall I ever forget those matutinal risings, so frequent an occurrence as finally to seem no hardship? Those pedetentous travellings to and from the Elysian institution? Those interminable tirades, component of our every lesson? Those surreptitious pernoctations in consequence of which the proximate orchards were ever defective?

It was after such an expedition (as I well remember to my shame!) that I was taken to task by the Principal, who claimed to the having received some information on that score through the agency of an avian acquaintance, and proportionately chastised. He held as the major maxim for the training of youth *Pueri sunt castiganda non verbis solum sed etiam verberibus*.

This eximious character (how well I remember his constant geniality, his perpetual felicity, his universal liberality!) supported, as his assistant, one versed in the most abstruse arts of our cosmos, who, on account of the frequent metamorphoses which he effected during his tireless experiments, was fitly called the modern Ovidius Naso.

The Principal and his assistant, though their causes were irreprehensible, were stigmatized in perpetuity by their incessant application to the scholars for pecuniary donations. They became Scylla and Charybdis. Then with what assiduity did the pupils copy the ancients. But (o most just gods!). *Incidit in Scyllam qui vult vitare Charybdim*. They could not, cannot be escaped save by forgetting!

J. DAVIS, (I.VI.)

## THE BROOK

The murmuring brook meanders on,  
Thro' glade and field and glen and wood,  
Here sparkling and bubbling, full of fun,  
Here a shallow, there a flood,  
And here and there a waterfall,  
While on ev'ry side the curlews calls.

Warblers rustling in the rushes—  
Flowers growing on every side—  
Blackbirds calling from the bushes—  
While in the distance a cuckoo cries.  
Overhead there flies a rook,  
Over the meandering, murmuring brook.

J. KILLIP, (IV.A)

## LUNCH IN TOWN

We were two rather tired males. My brother and I had been decorating the flat. Encrusted and besmirched, we made our way happily to ———, a noted firm for providing lunches at moderate prices and with the utmost civility. We entered the café and took a tray each.

All the little drawers at the counter were labelled with niceties and meals but, as we opened each, it contained nothing. A woman enveloped in steam, boomed "Only salads now—you're late." "Oh," we said meekly, "thank you."

Moving down the line, we took salad and asked for coffee. We got tea with a casual reminder that this was not the Ritz. My brother ventured, "Obviously!" He was sent a look which conveyed nothing but the most horrible, ghastly death. Finding a table, we sat down and took our purchases off the tray and were just about to begin when two stout old ladies rolled a horrible, monstrous trolley up to our table, collected all the dirty plates and ours and rushed off to the kitchen. We raced after them and begged their pardon. "But you have our food there." "Oh, have we? Be more careful in future where you put your plates."

With that they stalked off and again our popularity had waned.

Having swallowed, with our eyes closed, the "salad", we turned to our sweet. Amidst the excitement, we had not noticed a hurried business man sit at our table. There he was, engrossed in his newspaper and eating whatever came up on his spoon! I need not tell you that our sweet had been pushed right into his line of fire. We decided not to protest. Dejectedly we walked out to pay our bill. "Five and seven-pence, please."

We decided that sandwiches, after all, were not so boring or quite so expensive.

A. BENJAMIN, (U.V.C.)

## A TOPICAL TYPE

He is incomprehensibly verbose. The terror of all and any sane pedagogue, the patience-tester and nerve-snapper. Some say it is the pressure of the work he is doing for School Certificate: "Pity him, poor soul." Others say that he is using this belief as a "stalking horse", from which vantage point he may literally spray masters with his inane explanations, methods and easier ways.

His Gaelic accent is unmistakable, unquestionable, and enables him to drop aitches, mispronounce words, and misquote "set books" with unassailable ease, bringing a grin at least to the lips of every unfortunate member of his form.

Although often without sense, his witty sayings are impeccably, inexplicably funny, and masters hesitate to ask of him the solution to an algebraic equation or "When did Jaques say this, to whom, and why?" for fear of a humorous answer which will plunge his audience into fits of laughter, and thus needlessly delay the "valuable lesson".

I am afraid that several masters actually dislike this bard, and will often, without provocation, eject him from their class! This is such degradation! Why should they underestimate his great powers of humour when it brings such joy to the crushed hearts of masters and boys alike? The answer is this: senility kills sense of humour: science strenuously studied stifles wit. So let us take up arms in the cause of that great Welsh bard, and trample in the dust his pernicious aggressors!

E. WOODLEY, (U.V.A.)

## CRICKET

Much to my disappointment, I am not much of an athlete, but there is one sport I have a passion for, and that is cricket. This is probably due to the fact that my garden backs on to the Slough Cricket Ground and I get more than my share of cricket.

What could be better than to watch a cricket match from just outside your back gate, sitting in a deck chair on its lowest rung with a glass of lemonade at your feet? I have yet to find the answer. The spotless white of the flannels, the greenest green of the pitch like a billiard table, the click of the ball, the sight of it on its way to the boundary, the clapping and shouts of "Oh, well played, sir!" — all these go to make up the wonderful game of cricket.

P. GINSBURY, (IIIA)

## THE OLD PALUDIANS

This is the second report on the activities of the Old Paludians to be printed in *The Swan*. It is hoped that it will become a permanent feature and that Old Boys will in future send articles to the Secretary, in order that they may be submitted to the Editor with a view to inclusion in the magazine.

*Report on the Annual General Meeting for 1947:*

A large gathering of Old Paludians and friends attended the Annual Cricket Fixture between the School and Old Boys held on Saturday, 19th July 1947. Tea was provided in the School Hall for those who desired it.

The Annual General Meeting was held at 7 p.m. that evening, when a report on the previous year's activities was presented. Mr. E. P. C. Smith announced his retirement as Secretary, after holding that position since 1933. Mr. Clarke

expressed thanks to the retiring secretary on behalf of the Association; the appreciation of the work done by the retiring auditor, Mr. W. C. Wilson, was also recorded.

The Treasurer, Mr. E. W. Earl, presented the financial statement which showed satisfactory balances in both the general and social funds. It is interesting to note that the social fund has been substantially increased during the past year.

The following officials were elected for 1947-48: President (*ex-officio*): The Headmaster; Chairman: Mr. J. Collin; Secretary: Mr. S. W. Jones; Treasurer: Mr. E. W. Earl; Committee: Messrs. E. P. C. Smith, F. H. Grosch, H. J. Cordery, L. A. G. Hibberd, J. Warr, P. R. Marler.

#### *The Social Organisation:*

The Social Sub-Committee has made a great deal of progress with its organisation since last July.

No less than fourteen dances were held between September 1947 and April 1948. Of these, eight were held at The Dolphin Hotel and the remainder at the School. The highspots of the social events were the New Year's and St. Valentine's Day Dances, which had record attendances of nearly 200 Old Boys and friends. Of the other dances at the Dolphin, the average attendance was 130.

Following last year's successful season, dances have been provisionally arranged for September 11th, October 9th, and November 13th. The New Year's Eve Dance will again be the highspot of the year's activities.

The other notable social event was a visit by members of the Association to the "Aquashow" held in London in March. This very enjoyable evening was made possible by the efforts of Mr. Charman.

#### *Annual General Meeting 1948:*

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the School at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 17th July 1948. This will be preceded by the Annual Cricket Match with the School. Tea will be available at 4.30.

All boys leaving school this term are welcomed, and it is hoped that many will enrol as members of the Association. The Secretaries of the various sports sections will be present to answer any queries.

S. W. JONES, (*Hon. Sec.*)

### THE OLD PALUDIANS' FOOTBALL CLUB

Last season the Old Boys managed to run three teams, two of them with a fair share of success, the third being unable to fulfil its fixtures in the local minor league through lack of players at the end of the months March and April.

The records of the teams were as follows:

1st team: played 23, won 11, drew 3, lost 9: goals for 64, against 50.  
2nd team: played 23, won 18, drew 0, lost 5: goals for 85, against 38.  
Minor team: played 21, won 5, drew 1, lost 15: goals for 49, against 98.

A cordial invitation to join the Old Pals Football Club is extended to all boys leaving this term and who would like a game of football on Saturday afternoon. It does not matter if you did not obtain Colours for Soccer; all we ask for is keenness and enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to the advent of those about to leave School into the Old Boys' Football Club next season.

H. J. CORDERY, (*Hon. Sec.*)

### OLD PALUDIANS C.C.

#### *Season 1947:*

Season 1947 will be remembered by all Old Pals cricketers as one of their most enjoyable.

The Club played 17 matches: 7 were won, 8 lost, 1 drawn and 1 was a tie. (This was against Horlicks C.C. and must rank as our best performance, score 159 - 159).

We turned out two teams against the School 1st and 2nd XI's at the Annual Re-union and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. We were kindly allowed practice facilities and equipment by our President, Mr. E. R. Clarke, and the keenness of all throughout the season was shown by the excellent attendance at practice.

#### *Season 1948:*

At our A.G.M., held during the winter months, W. P. Waring was elected Hon. Secretary and he has prepared an excellent fixture list for this season.

To date we have played 6 matches, won 2, lost 3, with one abandoned with the balance in our favour. We are again enjoying the advantage of practice in the School nets.

We would like to welcome our several new playing members and hope they enjoy our games as much as we have in the past. At the time of going to press everything points to another very successful season.

L. A. G. HIBBERD.

### A SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

Early this term, a package somewhat heavily decorated with German postage stamps and addressed "Secondary School, Slough" was delivered at the Grammar School.

As the "Secondary School, Slough" ceased to exist in 1936, one was curious as to what it might contain.

When the wrappings had been removed, a photograph of a football team labelled "Slough Secondary School XI, 1932," complete with players names was revealed together with a letter written in German from Essen-arn-Ruhr.

The photograph was found a long time ago by a German soldier who had been a keen footballer in his youth. Although ordered by his superiors to destroy it, he hid it until he could return it via School to the parents of the owner feeling that they would value it as a precious souvenir. This he was able to do when he received his discharge some months ago.

We have now traced the owner of the photograph. Gordon Piper (the only member of the team who could not be accounted for) had served in the R.A.F. until released as a Grain Expert. He is now in Ireland. His brother Dennis, in the R.N., had the photograph with him when captured at St. Valery in 1940. Dennis escaped while on the march when the Germans were falling back after D. Day. He was picked up by the Americans and flown to a station near Slough within 48 hours.

We feel that this story is a remarkable illustration of the close ties formed between sportsmen of all nations and the unknown German footballer has secured a permanent place in our imagination.

